

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 1-8 and 10 are pending in this application. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 8, and 10, which are independent, are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

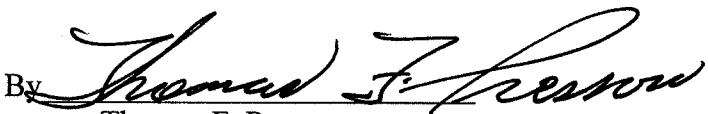
Claims 1-8 and 10, which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 are amended herein, obviating the objections.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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